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of the Madras Ministerial Service Rules, recruitment to these grades may be by promotion from a post in the Madras Ministerial Service or by transfer from any other Subordinate Service and to the posts of upper division clerks it may also be direct.

Between 20th February 1932 and October 1933 two vacancies in the Superintendents' grade and seven vacancies in the upper division clerical grade have been filled otherwise than by promotion of upper division and lower division clerks respectively.

(c) The information is given below:—

Chief Secretariat	5
Revenue Secretariat	1
Law Secretariat	1
Local Self-Government Secretariat	7

Savings due to the stoppage of officiating promotions to clerks of the Secretariat acting in the Upper Division.

* 507 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. SRESHTA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the amount of savings to the Government due to the stoppage of officiating promotions to clerks from the lower division to the upper division cadre of the Secretariat for the last five years?

A.—Rs. 2,426-13-0.

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" Is it not a fact that officiating promotion is denied to permanent lower division clerks and that acting allowance is given to acting lower division clerks? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" Yes."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" Is that arrangement quite fair? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" The matter is under examination in the Secretariat."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" May I ask whether the savings by stoppage of officiating promotions would not be greater, if recruitment was confined to lower division clerks and if promotion was made from lower division to upper division? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" It would be greater if acting lower division clerks were not given acting allowances for officiating in the upper division."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" Will the hon. Member consider the desirability of giving officiating allowance to persons who are permanent lower division clerks and who are officiating in the upper division? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" As I said, the question is under consideration at the present moment."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether this question has been before the Government for more than four months now? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" It is quite possible."